(c) the target for disinvestment fixed for the year 1997-98?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLl MARAN): (a) to (c) The targets for mobilisation of resources through disinvestments during 1995-96 and 1996-97 were Rs. 7000 crores and Rs. 5000 crores respectively, whereas the realisations in these years were Rs. 168 crores and Rs. 379 crores. For 1997-98, the target has been fixed at Rs. 4800 crores. The shortfalls were-due to a variety of factors, including' market conditions.

Industrial growth in first two months of current. fiscal year

2089. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be-pleased to state:

(a) the industrial growth in the first two months of current fiscal years;

(b) whether it is falling;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor, and

(d) the steps Government are taking to stop the decline in the industrial growth?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLl MARAN): (a) As per the Quick Index of Industrial Production released by CSO, the industrial production recorded a growth of 9.8 per cent in April, 1997 as compared to 8.1 per cent in April, 1996. The index for May 1997 is under cbmpila-tion by C.S.O-

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Industrial growth is continuously monitored and necessary initiatives are taken from time to time to keep up the

Consultancy and infrastructural facilities in Maharashtra

2090. MISS SAROI KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are providing consultancy and infrastructural facilities in Maharashtra to develop SSI sector in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these steps of Government have increased the number of SSI units in the State;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) other measures being take-n by Government to develop SSI sector in Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLl MARAN): (a) and (b) The Central Government besides setting out the policy framework for promotion and development of small scale industries also supplements efforts of State Government by rendering certain support services by way of conultancy, technical services, creation of infrastructure, training and entrepreneurship development etc.

(c) to (e) There are two Small Industries Services Institutes in Maharashtra located' at Mumbai & Nagpur which provide training, technical consultancy and other services to the existing and prospective entrepreneurs in the region'. The Institute for Design of Electrical Measur. ing Instrunjents, Mumbai renders service to the instrument industry to meet their requirement of design and testing of elec. trical instruments. Assistance has been provided for setting up a Sub-Contracting Exchange through Non-Gov°rnmental Organisation in Maharashtra State. One Integrated Infrastructure Development Centre was also sanctioned by Government of India in September, 1994 in Yeotmal district under the scheme of Integrated Infrastructural Development. Further National Smnll Industries

assistance, export & marketing assistame of SSIs established a Sub Office in Na,3pur in addition to its Regional Office in Mumbai. These measures are in addition to incentives offered by Govt, of Maharashtra by way of sales tax exemp-tioTi, refund of octroi/entry tax, refund of electricity duty concession in capital cost of power supply and contribution towards feasibility studies. These mea-emes have co'iitributed to the increase in the number of registered SSI u-nits in Maharashtra from 59953 in 1991 to 104410 in 1996.

Delay in the issue of itotiflcat'ioa to raise investment limit for SSIs

2091. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state;

(a) whether Goveiviment are thinking of raising the investment limit for small scale industral units to Rs. 3 crores as recommended by the A bid Hussain Committee and annomiced in the Budget Session by the Finance Minister;

(b) if so, when the requisite Notification would be issued as required undei the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act 1951;

(c) whether Government are aware that delay in raising the investment limit is adversely affecting the growth of production; and

(d) the total number of SSI units in the country and how many of them are sick units?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) The Government have taken a decision to raise the investment limit on plant and machinery for the small scale/ancillary units from Rs. 60/75 lakhs to Rs. 300 lakh as recommended by the Abid Hussain Committee. The draft notification in this regard has been laid on the Tables of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha on 20th and 21st March, 1997 respectively. The notification will be issued after the expiry of the stipulated period of its laying in the Parliamr^nt as' required under Sub-section (3) of ihe Section IIB of the IDR Act 1951.

(c) No such adverse effect on growth of production due to delay in raising the investment limit has come to the notice of the Govirnment. In any case, provisions of the law need to be complied with before the issue of notification.

(d) The total number of registered SSI units in the country is 28.57 lakhs (Provisional) (1996-97), of which 2,62,376 are reported to b® sick units (up t° March 1996).

उत्तर प्रदेश के पहाड़ी क्षेत्र से उद्योगों के लिए कच्चा माल

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(क) उत्तर प्रदेश के पहाड़ी क्षेत्रों से मैदानी क्षेत्रों के उद्योगों के लिए कौन-कौन से कच्चे पदार्थ की आपूर्ति की जा रही हैं ,

(ख) क्या उत्तराखंड क्षेत्र (कुमांयू और गढ़वाल मण्डल) में उत्पादित कच्चे माल पर आधारित किसी उद्योग की स्थापना उत्तर प्रदेश में की गई हैअथवा करने का विचार है ।

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबधी ब्यौरा क्या है, और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण है ?

उद्योग मंत्री (श्री मुरासोली मारन) : (क) अनेक प्रकार के वन आधारित उत्पाद जैसे-लीसा, जड़ी, बूटियां और लकडियों में जैस-खैर, पापुलर हल्दू, कंजू, सेमल, तनु एंव एलेन्यस आदि की उत्तर प्रदेश के पहाडी क्षत्रों से मैदानी क्षेत्रों में आपत्ति की जा रही हैं।